

RISLEY MOSS BIRD REPORT

2006



Hobby

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The following records have been extracted from the original database and converted into this readable format. The systematic list is as follows:

BLACK NECKED GREBE Rare; 2 in breeding plumage on pools, 7/4

LEACH'S STORM PETREL Rare: flew in from W losing height until it reached southern boundary where it was chased down by male sparrowhawk. Probably driven in land by recent gales, 11/12.
Pending description & ratification from rarities committee (PH).

GREY HERON Peaks: 15 on mossland, 25/9 - site record; 7 on 24/9; 8 on 2/10; 6 on 9/12

MUTE SWAN Unusual: 3 on mossland pools, 31/1; 5 (2ads/3imm) on mossland pool, 15/10

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE Peaks inc: 200 on 1/12 otherwise 150 flew west, 16/10; 160 flew south east, 23/10; 150+ flew SE, 28/10; 150 flew east overhead, 29/10

GADWALL Casual: female with teal, 13/2 - 2pr on scrapes (1m displaying), 24/4 - 1pr on OT scrape, 6/5, 10/5

TEAL Peaks: 100 flying around mossland, 23/9, 25/9 - 2 pair bred

SHOVELER Casual: up to 3 on occasions during breeding season but did not breed

TUFTED DUCK Peaks: 10(4prs+2m), 19/4; 2 pair bred

GOLDENEYE Rare: drake up with mallard may have come in on last night's gales, 4/12

GOOSANDER Unusual: 6 flew low to south, 18/9

HONEY BUZZARD Rare: dark phase bird up with 3 common buzzards, broke away & flew north @ 11.11am, 14/5. Pending description & ratification from rarities committee (PH).

RED KITE Casual: 1 flew SE @ 11.45, 11/2 - 1 flew WSW @ 3.55pm, 21/10

MARSH HARRIER female over, 2/5, 9/5, 22/8; fem/imm through on 19/5; 30/10

HEN HARRIER 1st summer female flew in at 2.17pm mobbed by 3 buzzards, 1/10 - seen again over mossland mobbed by 50 crows @ 9.44am & around for rest of day, 2/10 - male flew in from NE harassed by crows flew out west, 23/10 - 2nd winter female in from SE flew off north

GOSHAWK male over mossland from south, circled before going for woodpigeons on north east side & then flew out north, 12/10

COMMON BUZZARD Peaks: 12 logged, 25/9 - 11 up around area, 20/4 - 9 logged, 10/9 - 8 up around area, 30/5, 14/10 - 7 noted, 25/9, 1/11

OSPREY Casual: in from south @ 1.45 on 11/5

KESTREL Peaks: 3 over mossland on several dates during year

MERLIN 2(fem in moult + male), perched on mossland @ dusk, 13/2 otherwise singles seen most days - last noted on 3/5 - first returning bird on 6/8

HOBBY First in, 2 adults flew overhead, 28/4 - 1s & 2s present on several dates in May and June, increasing presence in July and August, singles on 8 dates in September & 2 dates in October with last seen on 16/10. Peaks inc: 5 (2ads/2juv/1 sub-ad), over mossland, 7/8, 24/8, 25/8 - 4 on 7/6, 5/7 - 3 on 8th & 15/6 (2ads+1 s/a), 2/7, 20/7, 12/8

PEREGRINE FALCON 3 (2 fem/1 male), over mossland & on pylon, 30/9 - 3(1st winter male low over mossland + 2 seen in display/acrobatic flight to east), 8/2 - 1pr on 11/2, 8/5, 20/5; Otherwise singles seen on several dates each month throughout the year.

HARRIS HAWK 1 with jesses over mossland c15', 10/4

GREY PARTRIDGE unusual 10 on mossland, 25/10, 6/11, 16/11

COMMON QUAIL Scarce: 2 on mossland, 28/5

WATER RAIL Casual: noted on 19/4, 28/6, 6/11 and 7/12

MOORHEN 7 pairs bred

COOT Rare: 1 on pool, 7/4

COMMON CRANE 1 flew in from SE, 17/4

OYSTERCATCHER casual: 3 on mossland, 30/4 - 2 there 28/6, 14/7

L.R. PLOVER First in, 29/3 - 5 on mossland, 11/5 - last noted 2 on 30/8

LAPWING 2prs bred - 74 on scrape, 23/6 - 90 there 20/7 - 120 on 12/7 - 100 on 22/7 - 320 over mossland on 16/9

LITTLE STINT Rare here: 1 onto mossland, 25/9

JACK SNIPE First on 14/9 singles on occasions, less than normal

COMMON SNIPE 2 pair bred - 42 on mossland, 21/1 - 121 on 29/10 - 132 on 1/12

BLK. T. GODWIT rare here: 5 on mossland, 8/5 - 21 flew south, 9/7 - 2 flocks (15&10), flew over, 16/7

REDSHANK first breeding record (2 yng)

GREEN SANDPIPER 5 on pools (including 1 chased by sparrowhawk), 20/8

WOOD SANDPIPER 1 calling over pools on mossland, 17/5 - 1 on mossland, 29/6, 20/8, 23/8

COMMON SANDPIPER 1 noted on mossland, 29/6, 16/9

COMMON TERN 1 flew north east, 10/5

TURTLE DOVE 1 flew north on 16/5, 17/5, 20/5, 27/5 - 1 flew south & then 1 flew east, 22/5[PH]

CUCKOO First in, 21/4 - 2 males over mossland, 30/4 - juvenile bird in from north, 24/9

BARN OWL 2 hawking over mossland 22/3 - 1 on 23/6, 24/8

S.E. OWL 1 on 7/1, 2/1, 6/2, 26/10

SWIFT First in, 20/4 - 100 over mossland, 27/6 - 1000 over east edge (ants flying), 5/8 - last 1 over, 27/8

KINGFISHER casual: over mossland pool, 19/5, 7/6, 12/7, 15/8 & then 7/9, 9/9, 19/9, 21/9, 30/9, 28/10, 5/11 and 28/12

WRYNECK Rare: calling insistently from birch tree 10/9

GREEN WOODPECKER scarce: noted on 13 dates between 23/7 and 27/12

WOODLARK 1 flew overhead, good views but no call, 5/6[PH]

SKYLARK 60 heading south, 4/1 - 100 over, 25/9

SAND MARTIN First in, 2 flew north, 27/3 - last over mossland, 28/8

SWALLOW First in, 30/3 - 100 flew west, 14/9 - 151 thru in 4 hours, 23/9 - 1 over, 31/10

HOUSE MARTIN First in, 4/4, 2 flew north - 100+ around mossland, 11/8 - last 5 on 2/10

MEADOW PIPIT 90+ roosting on mossland, 23/2; 79 flew south, 26/9

YELLOW WAGTAIL 2 juveniles noted, 9/7 - 1 flew over calling, 29/6; 3/8

WHITE WAGTAIL Unusual: 1 on scrape, b3w, 11/8

WHINCHAT First noted, male on mossland, 28/4 - 3(juv/1juv fem), perched on mossland mid afternoon in bright sun, 2/11

STONECHAT female along CC path, 14/3, 4/4 - male perched on mossland, 3/10, 30/10 - 3(2m/1f), 21/10 - 1pr on 6/11

RING OUZEL male flew over mossland, 9/10

FIELDFARE last 10 flew north, 4/4 - 500 over NW, 1/11 - 474 over in 2 hours, 2/11

REDWING first back 3 over, 30/9 - 665 flew south west in 1 hour, 26/10

MISTLE THRUSH 25 circling NE woods & then dropped onto fields S, 13/2 - 35 moving along NE edge, 13/8

GRASSH. WARBLER first reeling, 20/4 and again 24/4

SEDGE WARBLER First in, off CR/Mawds Rdge, 8/5 - 3 on mossland (MP / CR&MawdsRdge / nr Gorse), 13/5 - 2pr on territory (mid CR & Moorhen patch), 24/5 - 3 prs on territory (nr Gorse / Mawdsleys Ridge / Moorhen Patch), 8/6 - calling from CR, 23/6[RS]

REED WARBLER Rare here: singing in phragmites bed, 5/5, 11/8

L. WHITETHROAT Rare here: 2 juvenile on the mossland, 10/8

WHITETHROAT First in, 19/4 - last 19/9

GARDEN WARBLER casual breeder: 1 pair bred & showed well during summer, still singing weakly 14/9

WOOD WARBLER rare here: 1 with mixed tit/warbler flock along edge of 24/8

CHIFFCHAFF First, 29/3 - last seen 8/11

WILLOW WARBLER First in, 2/4 - last noted 15/10

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER scarce: 1 noted on 4/5, 7/8, 24/8, 25/9

LONG TAILED TIT peak: 33 on 28/6

MARSH TIT 1 with willow tits on 30/11

CARRION CROW 200 along southern boundary, 13/6

RAVEN 1 on 1/4, 20/4, 17/5, 20/6, 26/6, 5/7, 26/8, 1/10, 8/10 - 2 on 12/10, 1/11

BRAMBLING 1 on 13/2 only record

SISKIN 21 overhead, 20/3 - 12 in trees on 27/3 - 8 on 7/10

LINNET 60 flew N, 9/7

REDPOLL, LESSER 20 over wood, 2/5

COMMON CROSSBILL 1 calling as it flew towards conifers, 11/9

YELLOWHAMMER 1 pair bred

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